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**APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT  
DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION**

As a below-named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name; I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention which is described and which is claimed in the specification, entitled:

DERIVATIVES OF 1,3-DIONES HAVING A HERBICIDAL ACTIVITY

The specification  is attached hereto  was filed on 21/09/2004, as Application Serial No. PCT/EP2004/010653 as International Application

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of said specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.<sup>1</sup>

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE (Day, Month, Year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119	
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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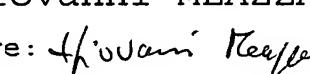
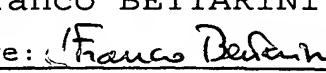
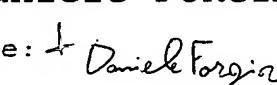
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The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we the undersigned,

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have invented a certain new and useful invention entitled \_\_\_\_\_  
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; and

WHEREAS, ISAGRO RICERCA S.r.l.

a corporation of Italy  
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(hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and Letters Patent in any and all foreign countries which may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the said Assignee, its legal representatives, successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, as described in the patent application filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on \_\_\_\_\_, and entitled \_\_\_\_\_  
given Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, and entitled \_\_\_\_\_  
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and in and to all patents of the United States and in any and all foreign countries which may be issued for said invention, as fully and completely as the same would have been held by us had this Assignment and sale not been made. The said entire right, title and interest shall vest irrevocably in said Assignee.

We further agree upon request, without additional compensation but at no expense to ourselves, to execute or assent to foreign applications, and to execute all other legal documents as may be necessary or desirable to vest the enjoyment of the rights hereby transferred in said Assignee, its legal representatives, successors and assigns, or as the said company may direct.

The Attorney of Record is hereby authorized to insert the Serial Number and filing date in the above blank spaces when received from the Patent and Trademark Office.

We hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued for said invention to the said Assignee, its legal representatives, successors and assigns, as the sole owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to said patents and inventions covered thereby.

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